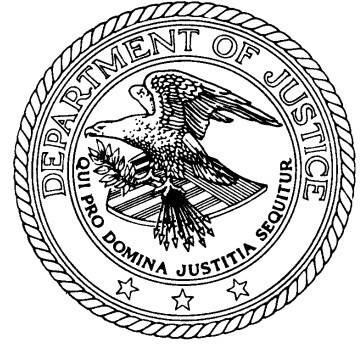


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### **POPLAR BLUFF WOMAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

July 28, 2008

A Poplar Bluff, Missouri woman was sentenced today on federal drug and gun charges, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

**TWAJUANA K. DAVIS**, age 28, was sentenced to 120 months on one felony count of distribution of cocaine base, one felony count of possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of cocaine base, and one felony count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. She appeared before United States District Judge E. Richard Webber.

On January 8, 2008, Davis sold .15 grams of a form of cocaine base known as crack cocaine to a Confidential Informant in exchange for \$50 in the city limits of Poplar Bluff.

On the same date, officers from the Poplar Bluff Police Department obtained and executed a state search warrant to search Davis's residence. Davis was at the residence on the day of the

search. Officers recovered five bags of marijuana, weighing 72.7 grams; cocaine base that weighed 10.5 grams; a Hi-Point, 9mm caliber pistol, loaded with seven rounds of ammunition; a set of digital scales and a marijuana grinder.

Hanaway praised the Poplar Bluff Police Department , the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their combined efforts on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.